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Viewing cable 08TRIPOLI921, LIBYA SEEKS TO DOWNPLAY TRIBAL VIOLENCE IN KUFRA

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
08TRIPOLI921	2008-11-30 14:52	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Tripoli

Appears in these articles:

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/wikileaks-files/libya-wikileaks/>

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E.O. 12958: DECL: 11/30/2018
TAGS: [PGOV](#) [PREL](#) [PTER](#) [CASC](#) [ASEC](#) [PHUM](#) [PREF](#) [SOCI](#) [KPAO](#) [LY](#)
CD, SA
SUBJECT: LIBYA SEEKS TO DOWNPLAY TRIBAL VIOLENCE IN KUFRA
REF:
A) TRIPOLI 889,
B) TRIPOLI 679,
C) TRIPOLI 530

CLASSIFIED BY: Chris Stevens, CDA, Embassy Tripoli, Department of State.
REASON: 1.4 (b), (d)

1. (C) Summary: In an apparent response to persistent reports by opposition and international media about tribal violence in Kufra, an oasis
2. (SBU) According to the state-owned Jamahiriya News Agency (JANA), GOL officials staged in Kufra on November 20 a meeting of Toubou tribal l
3. (C) Reports of the Toubou tribal leaders' gathering were carried widely in state-owned Libyan press, which also publicized a visit to Kufra
4. (C) In the aftermath of the press corps' visit, state-owned media characterized the clashes as "a minor incident between young members from
5. (C) Comment: As in parallel cases such as the 2006 riots in TRIPOLI 00000921 002 OF 002 Benghazi, the GOL suppressed real-time coverage